

DIXIE RUN UPDATE

We already have entries from four states and haven't even mailed out the fliers yet. They will be going out this week. Pre registered entries will have a chance at winning a fine 350 Chevy engine we will be giving away at Dixie Run 14. Several local folks are donating labor and pieces. Massey Automotive & Machine is building it for us. The engine was donated by OK auto parts. Parts and accessories were provided by Charles Edwards at Engine Parts Co., Gary Williams at Airtech, National Auto Superstores, Stan Acey at Southern Speed, and Douglas Battery. So it will be one fine prize to some lucky street rodder. We will be taking it to various rod runs prior to Dixie Run so everyone can hear it run. Another feature at Dixie Run this year will be the return of the Central Mississippi Championship valve cover races. We have set up a deal with the guys in the Ramblin Oldies club of Denham Springs to bring their new track to Jackson for our run. They also will be having races at the Houma, Covington, and Biloxi runs plus at their own Labor Day Run. So there should be a lot more interest in it this year. John said to encourage all you club members to fix up a valve cover racer and plan to participate. I'll dig out the rules and run some copies for the next meeting. You'll be getting a letter soon listing all the duties and trophy responsibilities.

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The article in February Street Scene concerning the legislation affecting old cars was interesting. It was reassuring to know that SEMA was watching things and trying to protect our interests. One of the bills mentioned in the article, S2166, was said to be bogged down for several reasons. Well, according to our sources, the thing got unbogged and is sailing along, probably to passage. As Street Scene reported, there is a vague reference in S2166 to some form of elimination of older cars through some yet to be determined plan from a government agency, probably the Department of Transportation. The D.O.T is probably the king of all bureaucracy, next to OSHA. So if the bill passes as expected, it could be one big mess. I counted 79 amendments to this bill in one week. They ranged from Indian affairs to regulations on electric heaters, and darn near everything else in between. How any Senator could intelligently vote on this bill is beyond belief. But folks, it beats the H out of living in Bulgaria.....We hear the Birmingham rod run will change locations again. This year it will be held at the Colonades, a shopping center mall on I 259 bypass somewhere between the Galleria Mall and Liberty Road exits. We also hear that Birmingham has a huge cruise-in every 4th Saturday night. They have like 80 street rods plus all sorts of other cars.....We've received word from the Queen City rodders that their Spring Fever show is on again for May 9,1992. It will be held at Highland Park with all its many things to do. We have entry forms.....Also, we just received word from Joe Miceli with the Mississippi Special Olympics that they are planning an indoor car show at the state fairgrounds Trade Mart on May 16. Proceeds go toward relocation of Miss. Special Olympic headquarters. The building holds 110 cars, so if you're

interested, you better register now. We have entry forms for this also. They advertise a whopping 29 classes of cars, including two for street rods.....The next generation of MSRA street rodders is already active. At a recent Tuesday Croozday outing, Dee and Karla brought their new son, Timmy, (otherwise named Timmy-T-Top) to his first rod event. He's about 3 months old. My grandson, Josh, attended his first rod run in Virginia when he was just over 1 and a half months old, and was at one of the Tuesday Croozdays at 3 months. These two, along with Mike & Sharon's little one (High Five Harley Hey Dude), give MSRA some future ones to carry on. Lets hope there are still street rods around when they get ready for one.....Had a real good crowd at the Tuesday crooze to Jerry's last month. That place still serves the best catfish around, and our bunch seems to like it.....The Camaro club is sponsoring a tour bus trip to Super Chevy weekend in Memphis April 3 and 4. The bus leaves at 6:30 Friday, April 3 and leaves Memphis at 8 p.m. April 4. In between you get an all day visit to Memphis Super Chevy show, motel accommodations, and a trip for dinner to Beale Street. If you're interested, call Darryl Sims for details at 373-8056.....We see in the Antique club newsletter that they are planning an open show June 27 at the Brookwood country club grounds. More details on that later.....At last month's club meeting, it was decided to order special T-shirts and caps for club members to wear so as to be easily identified at our upcoming rod run. If you want one of these, call John Little so yours can be included in the order. Shirts are 7.50 and caps are \$4.....Roundman plans to start his inspection program to start tentatively the first weekend in March. Get in touch with him and arrange to take your car by for this valuable service. It could save your life.

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DIXIE NATIONAL PARADE

Twenty three street rods rode in the Dixie National parade Saturday. We had seven or eight out of town cars come in to ride with us. The long line of rods stretched halfway down Capitol Street and really looked good. So good that we won the parade trophy again. After the parade, most of us went to Vicksburg. We had to stop first and get Tommy's model A running again. Water in the gas. Actually it was more like gas in his water. That's what he gets for buying his gas at Lightnin LeRoy's git back, uptown, super whoppin gas station, pool hall, bait store and all night barber shop. I don't care if the special that weekend was a free tank of gas if you bought the special rib plate at 1.99. Anyhow, most of us made it over to the hill city for their show. Only one street rod was inside the mall, but there were about thirty or so out in the parking lot. There were rods from Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi. The nice weather had created a case of " I gotta go somewhere" fever in a lot of folks.

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GARAGE SCENE

While Brian was in Ohio, Kathy decided to surprise him and upholster their pickup interior. No kidding-Door panels, headliner, kick panels, all of it. Looks pretty good, considering the only thing she had upholstered before was a VW she had in high school. It took her most of the three weeks, but with a bunch of help from Brent, she made it just in time. Check it out when you see the truck.....Paul just about has his '39 Chevy coupe ready to finish the wiring, so it should be running soon. Check out the job on the tail lights. That's all he talks about lately, so it must be good.....Bo Laird sold his

'39 Ford a couple of weeks ago, then bought a '36 Chevy coupe from Texas at the Vicksburg Mall show.....Tommy Nichols will probably have painted his Ford by the time you read this. I think he said Baretta green.....Last month I mentioned another Creel brother building a '48 Ford truck. Jimmy tells me that yet another of the Creel brothers-how many of them are there anyway?-is putting together a Ford car street rod down in Jones county.....As if I needed another project, I now have a '47 Dodge pickup to work on. It has everything but inner fender panels. Anybody know where I can find those? Our coupe is down dooby do down, down with all sorts of reconstruction. It will probably be down a while, since the plans are for a complete rebuild. But might make a couple of runs this year since the rebuild will have to be done in several stages. based on available funds.....Roundman says he's pulling the Chrysler's front cap to add power steering and some other stuff, then plans to repaint.....Dennis has pickup truck fever. If anyone knows where a '41-46 Chevy builder is, let him know.....Sam Hupperich has the front cap off his '37 doing all kinds of plumbing to the cooling system. I think he has one of those new air conditioning condensers with the built-in fan. Check it out next time you see him.

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EVENT SCHEDULE

March 7	Salyer Olds Car Show, Brookhaven, MS.	open
March 15	Club meeting, 2 p.m.	
March 20-22	Bayou-Self rod run, Houma, LA.	pre'49
March 28	Camaro Club's Rapids on the Reservoir Show	open
March 28	Anything Goes Car Show, Columbus, Ms. fairgrounds	open
April 3-5	New Orleans Rod Run, Covington, La	pre'49
April 3-5	Magnolia Arkansas April Fool rod run.	pre'60
April 10-12	Deep South Rod Run, Birmingham, AL.	pre'49
April 24-26	Dixie Rod Run, McComb, MS.	pre'49
May 1-3	Moonlighters Rod Run, Minden, LA	open
May 1-3	NSRA Southeast Nationals, Knoxville, TN	pre'49
May 9	Spring Fever 7 car show, Highland Park, Meridian Ms.	open
May 8-10	Kajun Kruzers rod run, Thibodaux, LA	pre'49
May 16	Special Olympic Car show, Trade Mart, Jackson	open
May 16	Super Sonic Cruise night, at the Sonic on McDowell Rd.	
May 15-17	Rod-Tiques Sunny Beaches Rod Run, Pensacola, FL	pre'49

COMING UP THIS MONTH

Well, things are beginning to pick up. The first Saturday this month has the open show held at the Salyer Oldsmobile dealership lot just off Brookway in Brookhaven. There will be trophies, dash plaques, and prizes. Grand prize is \$250. It gets pretty crowded there, so go early to get a good spot. Those of you who plan to go, meet Saturday morning at 7:30 at the Byram Texaco and we'll ride down together. The third weekend brings the first rod run of the season in Houma, Louisiana. The Bayou Self bunch (all three of them) will put on their annual run at the Ramada Inn in Houma. On the final weekend of March comes the annual Rapids Run put on by the Jackson Camaro club at the Rapids-On-The-Reservoir water park off Spillway Road north of Jackson. Their schedule says games from 1 til 2 with show-n-shine the rest of the

time. Entry is \$12 pre registered or \$15 at the gate. That same weekend EMSRA has their open show at the fairgrounds in Columbus, Ms.

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TUESDAY CROOZDAY

Here is the Tuesday Croozdays schedule for March

- March 3 Kismet's. Hiway 80 at Crossgates in Brandon 825-8380
- March 10 Western Sizzler. Hiway 80, 354-1030
- March 17 New Orleans Cafe. 1536 County Line Rd. (ST. Patrick's Day) will be crowded, so John needs a head count.
- March 24 Pedaler's. 5734 Hiway 80W almost to Clinton. 922-5155
- March 31 Gibb's Pizza 2741 Old Canton Road. 366-1834
- April 7 The Dock. Reservoir

These cruises all start on Tuesday nights at 6:30 from Economy Cycle on Hiway 80 West, or meet at the restaurant.

You are also reminded that the Classic Chevy Club has a cruise every second Saturday night at the Clinton Sonic; and the Muscle Car Club has a cruise every third Saturday night at the Brandon Sonic. We see from their newsletters that they have a friendly rivalry going between them as to which club will produce the most cars at their cruises. How 'bout if we show up at the March 14 cruise at the Clinton Sonic and outnumber them with street rods? Try to be there and see if we do it.

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FOR SALE: '47 Ford coupe, 350/350 p/s p/b complete, finished car ready to go. \$9500 negotiable. Danny Chambless 992-1241.

FOR SALE: '41 Chevrolet coupe. Solid & complete builder. John Little 373-2600

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

We had announced earlier that at the March meeting we would have the second annual world's smallest rod run. But due to a couple of conflicts that came up, that will have to be postponed until some time later in the year. The regular club meeting will still be held March 15 at the regular place, ABC Kindergarten at 2 p.m.

Til next time, drive carefully...

Jack 